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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

09/843,661

Applicant(s):

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For:

LIGHT SEPARATION DEVICE, BLAZED

GRATING DEVICE, DIFFRACTION GRATING

DEVICE, AND ILLUMINATION OPTICAL

SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, which provides for a response period ending September 20, 2003.



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Application No.: 09/843,661 Amendment dated October 20, 2003 Reply to Office Action of June 20, 2003

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated June 20, 2003, for one additional months to October 20, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: